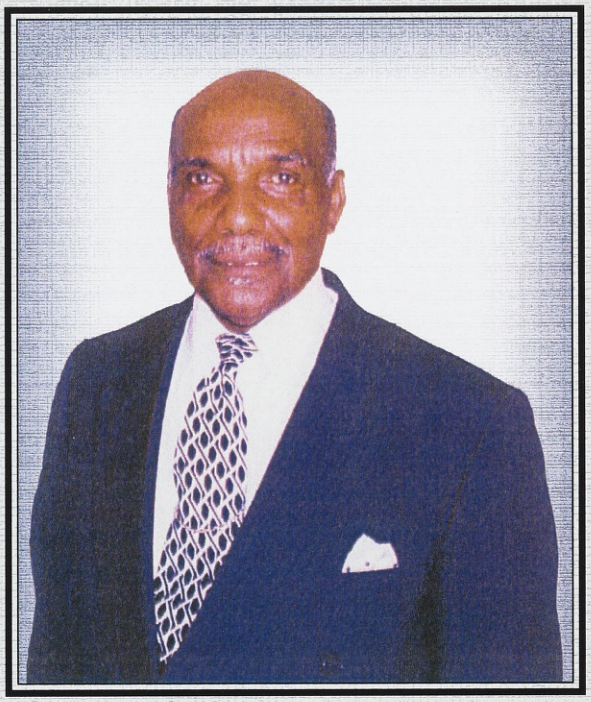
Central District
Homegoing Celebration
for

Superintendent James Rice



SUNRISE:
August 22, 1922

SUNSET:
December 28, 2007

SERVICES
Thursday, January 3, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Perry Temple C.O.G.I.C.
3443 Market Street
Oakland, California 94608

Bishop W.W. Hamilton, Jurisdictional Prelate CNW
Mother Mary M. Welch, State Supervisor

Officiating: **Supt. Robert L. Smith, Pastor**
The Greater Good Shepherd Church of God in Christ

Reflections of His Life

James Rice was born August 22, 1922 to proud parents Sam and Alice Rice in the city of Mornings Sport, Louisiana. He was the fourth of four children. At the age of thirteen he had his first encounter with the "Sanctified Folks," the saints or the holy rollers as they were referred to in his younger years at the "Brush-Arbor" where he enjoyed visiting.

James attended public school in Smackover, Arkansas, by the time he was a senior in high school he was considered to be a very competitive basketball player and some even called him a "Basketball Star." God knew even then that some day he would put down the basketball and pick up the bible. After completing high school he began his journey into adult life. He served his country in the Navy and received an "Honorable Discharge." He traveled to and lived in New York, Chicago, Detroit and finally California, the place where he would call home.

In 1946, James met and married Jeanetta Rhodes and after a few years they started a family. James and Jeanetta Rice had a total of four children: Richard, Jamesetta, Debra and Lillie. The family attended the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, California, the Pastor was Rev. Carl J. Anderson. James was employed by the Naval Supply Shipyard of Oakland, California for more than twenty years after which he was employed by International Paper Company of San Leandro, California, until he reached the age of 62.

In 1955, the Rice family visited Germany Chapel Church of God in Christ in Oakland, California, the Pastor was Elder Leland Germany. There they heard the gospel "It's Holiness or Hell" preached. James and Jeanetta were saved, sanctified and filled with the "Holy Ghost and Fire." James was called to the Ministry and ordained under Pastor Leland Germany. A new life began for the Rice's and they were faithful to the call and work of the Lord all the days of their lives.

James was a devout, determined and dedicated servant of God. In 1964, God led him to open the doors of the "Wayside Chapel C.O.G.I.C." as the Founder and Pastor. The name of the church was later changed to "Rice Temple C.O.G.I.C." The church has been a member of Central District, within the California Northwest Jurisdiction from the it's start in 1957 under Bishop E.E. Hamilton. God continued to bless Pastor Rice and he was later promoted to the position of Superintendent of Central District in 1974 and served until June, 2007. Supt. Rice served as the Chairman of the Superintendents Board and was an Executive Board Member in the California Northwest Jurisdiction for many years ending his service in 2007 under Bishop W.W. Hamilton.

On Friday, December 28, 2007 the Lord called Supt. James Rice from Labor to Reward. Supt. Rice will be greatly missed in so many ways by so many people. His memory will live on for he has left footprints in the sands of time. His life companion, Jeanetta Rice, preceded him in death in July, 1996.

He leaves to celebrate his Homegoing: One Son, Richard Rice of Sacramento, CA; Three Daughters, Jamesetta Watson of Oakland, CA, Debra Rice of Fairfield, CA and Lillie Denise Rice of Oakland, CA; Twelve grandchildren; Thirteen great grandchildren; One Daughter-in-Law, Ottomese Rice of Sacramento, CA; One Son-in-Law, Gerald Watson of Oakland, CA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and a loving Church Family, the "Rice Temple Church Family."

Supt. Rice often sang the song: "I've Got A Home In That Rock"

His favorite scripture: Isaiah 26:3

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude .....

Processional ..... Ministers and Family

Master of Ceremony ..... Dr. Leonard Jackson

Prayer of Comfort ..... Dr. Lester Keeton

Holy Scripture Readings

Old Testament Genesis 15:15 Pastor James Blake
New Testament Rev. 14:12,13 Pastor Hollie McLeod, Sr.

Musical Selection ..... District Choir

Acknowledgments ..... Sister Lisa White

Reflections of His Life ..... Read Silently

Expressions ..... Friends and Family
(two minutes please)

Rice Temple ..... Mother Emma Byrd & Elder Roger Byrd

Women's Department ..... Dist. Msry Queen E. Watson

Pastors ..... Pastors Keeton, Blake, McLeod, Jackson

Resolutions ..... Sister Jackie Byrd

Solo ..... Sister Denise Washington

Eulogy ..... Supt. Robert L. Smith

Parting View ..... Funeral Home Staff

Recessional

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Grandsons

Alvin Jefferson, Jr.
Donovan Lewis
Clyde "Theo" Lewis
Kevin Watson

Church Family

Elder William Knight
Elder Roger Byrd

Words of Appreciation from The Rice Family

Because you cared, you came to share,
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer
Because you cared enough to do,
Words of comfort on cards came too.
Because you cared, we are praying also.
That God will abundantly bless each of you.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much.

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McNary-Morgan-Greene & Jackson Mortuary
Mosswood Chapel
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Oakland, California

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